

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Saturday, September 26, 2015 - 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (74 new fires)
New large incidents:	0
Large fires contained:	0
Uncontained large fires: **	5
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

\*\* Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

**Northern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires:	14
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	3
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2

**Valley**, Sonoma-Lake Napa Unit, Cal Fire. Transfer of command from Cal Fire IMT 1 (Michael) back to the local unit will occur today. One mile south of Glenbrook, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

**Butte**, Amador-El Dorado Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Gouvea). One mile north of Mokelumne Hill, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering.

**River Complex**, Shasta-Trinity NF. Three miles southwest of Denny, CA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Area and trail closures in effect.

**Gasquet Complex (2 fires)**, Six Rivers NF. Thirteen miles northeast of Crescent City, CA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Valley	CA-LNU	76,067	0	92	Ctn	10/05	1,849	-671	40	140	6	1,958	50.1M	ST
Butte	CA-AEU	70,868	0	93	Ctn	10/01	1,522	-204	33	75	0	818	68.3M	ST
River Complex	CA-SHF	77,081	0	69	Ctn	10/15	46	-43	0	4	2	0	32.7M	FS
Gasquet Complex	CA-SRF	30,361	0	50	Comp	10/15	122	-11	2	4	0	0	42.3M	FS

**Southern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 11  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 2  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Rough**, Sierra NF. IMT 1 (Opliger) and IMT 2 (Cooper). Five miles north of Hume, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Active fire behavior with single tree torching, backing and creeping. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Tassajarra**, San Benito-Monterey Unit, Cal Fire. Ten miles southeast of Carmel Valley, CA. Chaparral. Minimal fire behavior. Road closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Rough	CA-SNF	150,876	7,317	83	Ctn	NR	787	-148	9	22	4	4	116M	FS
Tassajara	CA-BEU	1,086	0	98	Ctn	9/26	135	0	6	5	0	20	6M	ST

**Northwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 5  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 0  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Kettle Complex (3 fires)**, Colville NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Sheldon) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Fifteen miles northeast of Republic, WA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Kettle Complex	WA-COF	76,512	0	82	Comp	10/15	313	-26	7	10	1	1	36.7M	FS

<b>Active Incident Resource Summary</b>						
<b>GACC</b>	<b>Fires</b>	<b>Cumulative Acres</b>	<b>Crews</b>	<b>Engines</b>	<b>Helicopters</b>	<b>Total Personnel</b>
AKCC	5	134,236	0	0	0	0
NWCC	22	983,757	34	67	11	1,905
ONCC	4	254,377	75	223	8	3,539
OSCC	3	152,057	17	32	4	988
NRCC	12	148,212	2	3	2	108
GBCC	6	102,086	2	9	2	75
SWCC	1	650	0	1	0	7
RMCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	5	11,024	0	2	0	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1,786,399</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>6,632</b>

**Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):**

<b>Area</b>		<b>BIA</b>	<b>BLM</b>	<b>FWS</b>	<b>NPS</b>	<b>ST/OT</b>	<b>USFS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	4	1	<b>5</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	11	3	<b>14</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	12	1	<b>13</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	9	2	<b>11</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	13	0	<b>13</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	4	<b>6</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	168	1,542	<b>1,710</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	1	5	<b>7</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	<b>2</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	4	<b>5</b>
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	3	0	<b>4</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	24	1	<b>25</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	223	298	<b>521</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>1,842</b>	<b>2,264</b>

**Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Protection):**

<b>Area</b>		<b>BIA</b>	<b>BLM</b>	<b>FWS</b>	<b>NPS</b>	<b>ST/OT</b>	<b>USFS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	263	0	0	474	23	<b>760</b>
	ACRES	0	4,034,077	0	0	1,076,069	796	<b>5,110,942</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	264	298	42	74	1,756	1,343	<b>3,777</b>
	ACRES	234,893	243,704	15,056	26,138	100,054	509,998	<b>1,129,843</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	134	30	5	29	2,883	961	<b>4,042</b>
	ACRES	243	10,786	354	2	285,736	240,618	<b>537,739</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	23	59	12	91	2,853	521	<b>3,559</b>
	ACRES	107	2,024	12	8,903	25,699	238,565	<b>275,310</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	929	91	6	28	1,278	1,144	<b>3,476</b>
	ACRES	26,290	13,803	686	26,114	187,638	453,134	<b>707,665</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	39	733	5	38	610	503	<b>1,928</b>
	ACRES	695	344,692	3	82	18,324	133,055	<b>496,851</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	429	193	6	32	512	842	<b>2,014</b>
	ACRES	58,058	5,357	62	3,799	17,468	119,108	<b>203,852</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	511	305	16	24	956	249	<b>2,061</b>
	ACRES	16,828	5,986	189	7,409	97,810	1,451	<b>129,673</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	540	0	31	16	5,874	367	<b>6,828</b>
	ACRES	2,185	0	2,102	549	45,506	5,536	<b>55,878</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	315	0	37	15	19,682	337	<b>20,386</b>
	ACRES	37,321	0	3,074	249	315,066	16,828	<b>372,538</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>3,184</b>	<b>1,972</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>36,878</b>	<b>6,290</b>	<b>48,831</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>376,620</b>	<b>4,660,429</b>	<b>21,538</b>	<b>73,245</b>	<b>2,169,370</b>	<b>1,719,089</b>	<b>9,020,291</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2005 – 2014 as of today)</b>	<b>58,092</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2005 – 2014 as of today)</b>	<b>6,186,574</b>

**Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Ownership):**

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	1,800	1,800
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	450	0	0	0	0	450
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	300	300
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>2,550</b>

**Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Ownership):**

<b>Area</b>		<b>BIA</b>	<b>BLM</b>	<b>FWS</b>	<b>NPS</b>	<b>ST/OT</b>	<b>USFS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	5	0	0	2	0	<b>7</b>
	ACRES	0	3,965	0	0	988	0	<b>4,953</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	7	28	3	2	0	151	<b>191</b>
	ACRES	2,457	17,778	51	49	0	26,079	<b>46,414</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	12	11	0	113	<b>136</b>
	ACRES	0	143	5,173	190	0	7,734	<b>13,240</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	3	4	4	0	100	<b>111</b>
	ACRES	0	78	495	268	0	1,860	<b>2,701</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	10	32	28	7	7	140	<b>224</b>
	ACRES	3,651	10,600	12,835	1,597	695	19,542	<b>48,920</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	1	25	1	8	32	54	<b>121</b>
	ACRES	24	2,297	1,060	702	1,779	18,624	<b>24,486</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	32	29	8	7	0	139	<b>215</b>
	ACRES	606	18,888	2,436	4,606	0	75,050	<b>101,586</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	26	40	60	11	62	83	<b>282</b>
	ACRES	2,348	7,693	16,147	1,153	3,437	25,600	<b>56,378</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	30	0	265	24	1,403	159	<b>1,881</b>
	ACRES	39,398	0	33,314	6,654	66,477	49,818	<b>195,661</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	88	0	157	11	8,939	712	<b>9,907</b>
	ACRES	16,583	0	117,592	14,261	533,385	622,108	<b>1,303,929</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>194</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>10,445</b>	<b>1,651</b>	<b>13,075</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>65,067</b>	<b>61,442</b>	<b>189,103</b>	<b>29,480</b>	<b>606,761</b>	<b>846,415</b>	<b>1,798,268</b>

\*\*\* Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. \*\*\*

Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <http://gacc.nifc.gov/>

**Predictive Services Discussion**: A weak trough and cold front will slide through the Northwest and northern Rockies. Cooler weather with a small chance of showers will move into the region. Breezy conditions will develop across the High Plains of Montana and Wyoming. Warm and dry weather will remain in place over the remainder of the West. High pressure over the Northeast will keep mild temperatures over most of the eastern U.S. with scattered showers and thunderstorms forming over the Mid-Mississippi and Mid-Atlantic states and over parts of the Southeast.

<http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>



## WORKING WITH HELICOPTER DROPS

*Aviation Category*

Consider the following questions when you have a helicopter with a bucket working in your area:

If the helicopter is a Type 1 increase the distance of standby place from the drop zone.

Use helicopter drops to knock down or secure a fire area that poses a direct imminent threat to escaping control lines or climbing up ladder fuels.

- Do you have good communications?
- Does the pilot have a clear understanding of the target?
- Are trees and snags in the drop zone?
- Are ground crews clear of the area?
- What are the winds doing?
- What is the turnaround time for the helicopter?
- Are people on the ground aware of the effects of the helicopter's rotorwash?
- Give feedback to the pilot about drop accuracy. Be honest and constructive.
- Be aware that helicopter performance capabilities may be significantly reduced at high altitudes and/or high temperatures.

### References:

Incident Response Pocket Guide page 57